

Ellis Island Oral Interview

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Interview for the Groundswell Mural Project

Nathaniel James:

As you know, we have over 400 parks that belong to the National Park Service in the United States? How has this project impacted your understanding of the National Park Service, especially in the New York City area?

- “Seeing that so many people go to Ellis Island. There are a lot of tourists, not necessarily citizens, but tourists in general, coming to Ellis Island and visiting Liberty Island. This message being placed inside Ellis Island will definitely impact a lot of people, millions of people. And the Parks will definitely help bring out the message of the immigration process, then and now, because other institutions may not be able to do that. “